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SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether the period when they are considered to be internees will also be taken into account for the purpose of the remuneration?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I do not know how internship can be converted into House Surgeoncy. Therefore, I do not see how the question of internship and House Surgeoncy can arise.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : For the period already undergone as internees.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The hon. Member may write to the Minister concerned. She will examine the position.

Drugs.

* 131 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the measures taken by the Government to improve the administrative control in the manufacture of drugs?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Health) : A separate Assistant State Drugs Controller has been appointed to attend to drug control work in the State. The Drugs Inspectors have been instructed to be more alert and inspect the sales and manufacturing concerns in their areas more frequently. Random examples of drugs are taken and sent for analysis to check up their quality. Manufacturers are allowed to release the drugs only after the records of manufacture and testing are scrutinised by the Inspector. All the records about the manufacture, sale, etc., are scrutinised by the Drugs Inspectors during their inspection of the concerns. The Government Analyst in charge of drugs has been instructed to deal with analysis of drugs samples sent to him without avoidable delay. The Senior Drugs inspectors have been sent to Bombay and Baroda to study the working of drug control administration in those States so as to reorganise the set-up in this State on those lines. An Anti-Spurious Drugs Committee has been constituted and is functioning in this State for the past few years to advise Government on matters connected with the prevention of the manufacture and sale of spurious and sub-standard drugs and wherever possible, their recommendations are accepted and implemented. To give an incentive to the Drugs Inspectors to discharge their duties efficiently, their scale of pay has been increased, special posts have been created and conveyance advances for the purchase of motor cycles, scooters, etc., have been allowed.

* 132 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of licences issued for the manufacture of drugs during 1961–62?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Health) : Eighty-six manufacturing licences were issued and 65 manufacturing licences were renewed during the year 1961–62.